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1. One coastal defense battery is stationed on the Island of Brioni. It consists of three units on Veliki Brioni and one independent unit on Mali Brioni which will form a new battery in the event of war.
2. The first unit is housed in barracks next to the battery headquarters and is equipped with four long-barrelled guns of unknown caliber.
3. The second unit is located in the southern part of the island above the lighthouse at Cape Peneda. It is also equipped with four long-barrelled guns of unknown caliber. The location of the third unit is not known.
4. The independent unit on Mali Brioni has its headquarters in a brick building in the ravine, Sveti Nikola. Two barracks next to the building contain the living quarters for the regular soldiers serving with the unit and another building is used to accommodate the recalled reservists. A fifth building contains the officers' quarters and mess. The unit commander is Second Lieutenant Panic and the political commissar is Second Lieutenant Marjan Mangotic. Other officers include Second Lieutenant Maric and two sergeants. The total strength of the unit is 60 to 80 regulars and 25 to 40 reservists.
5. The independent unit is equipped with the following weapons:
 - a. 4 x 76 mm. guns mounted on rails on the upper terrace of the old fort.
 - b. 2 x 150 mm. guns mounted on the lower terrace of the old fort.
 - c. One heavy anti-aircraft machine gun mounted next to the guns on the upper terrace.
 - d. 2 x 150 mm. guns in the old casemates approximately one thousand meters from the unit headquarters.
 - e. One anti-aircraft gun of unknown caliber, mounted on a concrete base next to the guns at (d).
 - f. Three anti-aircraft guns of unknown caliber on the coast just north of two small empty farm houses.

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- g. 1 x 150 cm. searchlight next to the two houses. The generator is in one of the houses and the other is used to provide accommodations for 15 soldiers.
- h. A small mobile searchlight.
6. The troops serving with the unit are armed with Russian rifles with square bayonets and Russian PPS machine carbines.
7. The torpedo station is located on the north coast in the vicinity of the old fortress. There is a small jetty in the area and a small building known as a "torpedo station". No torpedo exercises have ever been observed in the area but naval units from Pulj have been seen frequently tying up at the jetty. It is believed by informants that the "torpedo station" may be a torpedo store. 25X1A

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Comment: See [REDACTED] for similar weapons and unit organizations on Vis Island. Your attention is also called to [REDACTED] paragraph 4 (h) and (n) which states that a patrol boat base and observation station are located on Brioni Island.

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